THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) While there were no unclaimed passports scattered on the ground, 685 passport booklet covers were found buried under the ground in Ghaziabad district on 15th May, 2007.

(b) to (d) A case was registered by the local police. It was found that all the booklet covers belonged to passports that were earlier cancelled due to errors during preparation. These passport booklet covers were included among other old records that were auctioned for recycling. There was no possibility of misuse of the covers as these had been defaced by cutting their corners, as per normal practice, at the time of cancellation of the passport booklets in question.

Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana

†*333. SHRI AJAY SINGH CHAUTALA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the amount earmarked for Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) for the years 2006-07 and 2007-08 in the country;

(b) to what extent the target thereof has been achieved; and

(c) the number of people who have been benefited in Haryana and Punjab under this Yojana, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) The Central allocation for the scheme of Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) during 2006-07 and 2007-08 is Rs. 250.00 crore and Rs.344.00 crore respectively.

(b) During the Tenth Five Year Plan (2002-03 to 2006-07), under the scheme of Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY), a target of assisting 4 Lakh urban poor in setting up individual/group enterprises for self employment and imparting skill training to 5 lakh urban poor was fixed. As per the Progress Reports received up to 31.7.2007, from the States/Union Territories, total 5,00,524 urban poor have been assisted in setting up individual/group micro enterprises for self employment and 6,38,274 urban poor have been imparted skill training in various trades under SJSRY during the Tenth Five Year Plan. Thus the targets under SJSRY during the Tenth Five Year Plan have been fully achieved.

(c) As per the reports received from State Governments, the cumulative number of beneficiaries in the States of Haryana and Punjab, under Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) since 1.12.1997 and as reported upto 31.7.2007, is as under:—

	Punjab	Haryana
1	2	3
Number of urban poor assisted to set up individual/group enterprises for self employment	8786	28557

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

1	2	3
Number of urban poor imparted skill training	16441	29898
Number of mandays of work generated under the wage employment (in lakhs)	5.50	3.93

District-wise details are not maintained in the Ministry and only State/UT-wise data are available.

PRIs to implement Centrally sponsored schemes

*334. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

(a) whether the third meeting of State Ministers of Panchayati Raj had proposed to make Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) play a key role in implementing the Centrally sponsored schemes;

(b) if so, whether the Competent Authority has approved the above proposal;

(c) if so, the details including steps taken/to be taken to implement the same;

(d) the details of steps taken/to be taken to identify such Centrally sponsored schemes as on today; and

(e) the details of the steps taken by State Governments in mainstreaming local self-Government institutions by devolving power and funds, State-wise and category-wise as on date?

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. A key priority of the Ministry of Pachayati Raj is to critically examine major Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSSs) to ensure that in the design, articulation of their guidelines, and subsequently in implementation, the operationalizing of CSSs do not overlook the salience of Panchayats and Gram Sabhas. In September, 2004, the Prime Minister's Office approved a suggestion from the Ministry of Panchayati Raj that all Ministries operating CSSs should review their respective schemes in the light of the 73rd Constitutional Amendment, so that they are in consonance with Article 243 G read with Eleventh Schedule of the Constitution. The Eleventh Schedule has an illustrative listing of 29 matters that every State Government ought to devolve to Panchayats. It was further approved that the Ministry of Panchayati Raj should be consulted and its views incorporated in Notes prepared for Cabinet Committees, in respect of new Centrally Sponsored Schemes. Accordingly, The Ministry of Panchayati Raj has been in dialogue with Central Government Ministries over 2005 and 2006, and some modifications have been incorporated in some of the Centrally Sponsored Schemes. The Cabinet Secretary has repeatedly reminded Central Government Ministries of their responsibility towards incorporating appropriate modifications. However, the response pattern was not always sufficiently brisk.

In order to further galvanize this process, and at the request of the Minister for Panchayati Raj, Youth Affairs, Sports, and DONER, a Review Corrimittee has been